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CHICAGO WILL WIN

Fred W. Upham Again Chairman of the Committee to Land the Republican National Convention of 1920

His Efforts Should Be Strongly Backed Financially to Secure the Big Prize for This City

Chicago is going to make a great fight to land both of the big National Conventions for 1920.

Fred W. Upham, who has landed four national conventions of the Republican party for Chicago, is again chairman of the committee that is working hard to land the prize for this city.

Fred W. Upham heads a committee which embraces all factions of the Republican party and some of the leading men of the city. The committee has for its vice chairman, Col. W. N. Pelouze, the mayor's brother-in-law, and for its secretary A. Sheldon Clark, close friend of the mayor.

Here it is:

H. M. Byllesby, A. Sheldon Clark, Rufus C. Dawes, John B. Drake, Evan A. Evans, Marshall Field, Charles W. Folds, E. R. Graham, Edward Hines, Samuel Insull, S. R. Kaufman, D. F. Kelly, L. B. Kuppenheimer, William Wrigley, Jr., Charles V. Barrett, Clifford Arrick, Lieut.-Gov. J. G. Oglesby, Major E. H. Williams, D. E. Shanahan, John M. Glenn, Robert H. McCormick, Arthur Meeker, H. H. Merrick, James A. Patton, W. N. Pelouze, George F. Porter, George M. Reynolds, Julius Rosenwald, J. Harry Selz, Edwin W. Sims, George M. Spangler, Robert W. Stewart, B. E. Sunny, Louis F. Swift, Thomas E. Wilson, Stewart Spaulding, Seymour Morris, W. E. Hull of Peoria, L. L. Emerson, Springfield, and Charles E. Dewey.

Mr. Upham is a tireless worker and his personal magnetism and executive ability are great factors in the fight, but the battle cannot be won without financial guarantees, which the National Committee will require.

It costs something to take care of a history making body like a national convention.

Figures prepared for Mr. Upham, who for the fifth successive time is serving as chairman of Chicago's committee, have shown the upward leap of expenses.

The lowest bid on fixing up the Coliseum was \$43,000, an increase of \$20,000, and he figures that committee expenses, including enormous amounts of printing and engraving, will go up \$25,000 at least.

Furthermore, Mr. Upham has conceived plans for increasing the Coliseum seating capacity by extension of the north balcony. Chicago will be able to offer the national committee a convention seating 13,400 persons, exceeded anything any city in the country could offer.

"In 1904, when Theodore Roosevelt was nominated, we had 8,700 seats in the Coliseum," said Mr. Upham last night. "In 1916 we had increased that to 12,000. Now we are going to add anything ever accomplished in the nation heretofore."

"We'll get the convention. We have thirty-four committeemen absolutely pledged to Chicago and expect eight or ten more. We need only twenty-seven. The only objection to Chicago is that it is in the state of Lowden, a presidential aspirant, and that objection will be swept aside."

"They forget that St. Louis, our rival, being at the southern end of Illinois as Chicago is at the northern, is just as accessible to Illinois people."

"Furthermore, Republicans have had a habit of nominating Presidents in their home states. Lincoln was nominated in Chicago and Hayes of Ohio was nominated in Cincinnati," he added.

The Upham special train, with its cargo of national committeemen, will leave Chicago over the Pennsylvania Railroad Monday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a. m.

The Mayor's special will leave in

the evening of the same day, so as to arrive in Washington the afternoon before the committee meeting.

WOMEN TO TAKE PART IN BIG CONVENTIONS

Election of women as delegates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions is predicted as a result of an opinion handed down by Attorney General Brundage, who holds that women may be chosen delegates under the 1919 primary law.

Mr. Brundage rules that women cannot vote for district delegates, because of the failure of the women's suffrage act of 1913 to specify convention delegates as offices for which women may vote.

Illinois therefore prevents women from voting for national convention delegates on April 13, although they may be elected as such, and they have the unquestioned right to vote for presidential electors next November.

The only condition that can change this will come through ratification of the woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution. If this is ratified by three-fourths of the state before April 13, women will participate in the spring primaries on a full and equal basis with the men.

SAMUEL INSULL HONORED BY ASSOCIATES

Samuel Insull was honored by a dinner given by the members of the State Council of Defense of Illinois last Friday at the Congress Hotel and was presented with a gold and platinum watch presented to him by Governor Frank O. Lowden in behalf of the council.

The final meeting of the State Council of Defense was held Friday afternoon in the office of Mr. Insull, who was chairman of the council.

Although the law creating the council provided that the expense of the members would be paid, no member ever presented an expense account. The council actually expended a little more than \$190,000 and after all bills are paid approximately \$5,000 will be returned to the state treasury. Aside from this, however, the council handled a total of \$447,646.51, of which \$306,146.51 was profit from the Lake Front War exposition and was turned over to the national committee on public information at Washington. The remainder, \$141,500, was profit from the seed corn campaign and was turned over to the department of agriculture.

Besides Mr. Insull, the members of the council were J. Ogden Armour, B. F. Harris, Dr. Frank Billings, Mrs. Rowen, John H. Harrison, Levy Mayer, John G. Oglesby, Victor A. Olander, David E. Shanahan, John A. Spoor, Fred W. Upham, Charles H. Wacker, and John H. Walker. The late John P. Hopkins served as secretary until his death on Oct. 13, 1918. He was succeeded by Roger C. Sullivan.

CITY HALL SOFT SNAPS SNUFFED OUT

Twenty-eight city hall jobs, many of them considered "soft snaps," will probably be legislated out of existence by the city council. Among the positions is that of Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of public welfare.

A subcommittee of the council efficiency committee Monday recommended that the ordinance creating the twenty-eight places be re-

the positions are vacant, owing to the failure of the city council to appropriate for them. Mrs. Rowe, however, still draws her salary by procuring a court judgment for its payment.

Among the twenty-eight jobs are secretary of the fire department, commissioner of information and public-

ity, deputy fire prevention engineer, building department, engineer in charge; fire escape inspector, two architectural engineers, deputy commissioner of public service, city forester, commissioner of track elevation, city coal inspector, inspector of electric meters, chief gas tester, and secretary to the board of examiners of plumbers.

More than \$700,000 of the \$875,000 "greater Hamilton Club building fund" has been subscribed. Governor Lowden and Congressman William B. McKinley each took \$5,000 of the bonds, and other new subscribers included Secretary of State Emmerson, State Treasurer Len Small and State Auditor Fred E. Sterling.

Edward A. Cudaby stands foremost among the men who have helped make

ney or county judge, if he appears to be the best vote getter, it is believed that they will draw the line at State's Attorney Macleay Hoynes for re-election. Hoynes, they hold, was responsible for Mayor Thompson's re-election and cannot be forgiven, it is said.

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ELECT COUNTY JUDGE NEXT SPRING

Democratic Leaders Will Duck Possible Republican Landslide in November by Electing in April.

The next County Judge will be elected in April, 1920. Democratic leaders have decided on this. A possible Republican landslide in November will thus be sidestepped.

At an informal conference of leaders it was agreed that the democrats, to have any chance of winning, must name the strongest talent available, and it was decided that the outlook was not so discouraging for the democrats as the republicans would have them believe. It is possible that the candidates for state's attorney and county judge will be taken from the following list:

- John J. Coburn.
- Judge George Kersten.
- Judge Henry Horner.
- Judge M. L. McKinley.
- William H. Sexton.
- State Representative Michael L. Igoo.
- Judge Martin M. Gridley.
- Ambrose A. Worsley.
- Judge Charles A. McDonald.

While the Sullivan democrats are reported as willing to support any Harrison man for either state's attor-

LARRY DRY AGAIN

The Long-Legged Political Curio Whose Term as Senator Expires Next Year Wants the Governorship

Has Drunk Long and Deeply of Political Refreshments and His Well Trained Gullet Cries for More

Illinois' leading "dry" calls for more.

Larry Sherman, the anti-fat U. S. senator, whose term expires next year, is still politically thirsty.

He is said to have the gall to entertain an ambition to become the republican candidate for governor in

eliminates him as a gubernatorial possibility.

That Congressman McKinley in the Champaign district will be a starter for senator is now recognized as certain. The contest for his seat from the Nineteenth district among the republican aspirants is just about ready to break open.

Col. Frank L. Smith, member from the Bloomington district, is all but an announced candidate for governor, and a field of likely starters for Congress in his place will be in the going. Congressman Copley's name has been repeatedly mentioned as a possible candidate for the Senate, but the latest reports from the Aurora district are that he will go back to Congress.

date in the Seventh, who may be former Ald. Michaelson. Congressman Britten in the Ninth probably will have to go through another primary fight. In the Tenth the organization will support Congressman Chindblom.

On the Democratic side primary going will be comparatively easy for Rainey in the Fourth, Sabath in the Fifth, McAndrews in the Sixth, and Gallagher in the Eighth.

The Twenty-sixth ward Republican organization endorsed John C. Cannon, present ward committeeman, for reelection. The city hall forces will support City Collector W. H. Wesbey.

LOWDEN APPEALS FOR UNEMPLOYED SOLDIERS

An appeal to manufacturers and employers to show appreciation for what has been done for them by the soldiers and sailors, by assuming an open attitude toward their need for employment, has been made by Gov. Lowden. In a statement setting aside Monday, December 1, as "Job Census Day," the Governor requests all employers to list with the chambers of commerce of their cities, or with municipal executives, any vacancies that could be filled by service men.

LAW TO CURB TICKET SCALPERS FRAMED

An ordinance possessing two sets of teeth, designed to prohibit the sale of theater tickets at more than the box office price, and to provide the city with \$10,000 more in revenue a year, was approved by a council subcommittee.

Under the proposal theater ticket agencies will be licensed, paying a fee of \$500 a year. Ald. Cernak, chairman of Judiciary Committee, said that about twenty agencies will come under the proposed ordinance.

JUDGE STELK IN NEW COURT

December 1 Judge Stelk, who has presided in the auto court ever since his transfer from the Court of Domestic Relations, and who has been the terror of bruckneck drivers, will succeed Judge Gemmill in the jury and vagrancy court.

These and other assignments were announced by Chief Justice Olson. Judge Dennis W. Sullivan will continue in the Moral Court until Jan. 1, when Judge Stelk will replace him. Judge Sullivan may be transferred to one of the criminal branches, where he once served as an assistant state's attorney.

CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS

In the Chicago districts all of the sitting Republican members will be candidates again. The First district, where trouble was in sight for all concerned, seems to have reached an agreement whereby Congressman Madden will have an unopposed re-nomination. Congressman Mann will have no trouble in the Second. Congressman Wilson, it is understood, has effected a combination that re-nominates him in the Third, unless the country towns determine to make a fight for Frederick R. De

CITY HALL ON WEST SIDE

Several aldermen are at work on a plan for submitting a bond proposition to the voters to build a great City Hall on the West Side.

EAGLETS

Jailer Davies says that nine-tenths of the men in the debtors' prison are there because of hungry lawyers, anxious to squeeze their graft out of judgments against poor men. The plaintiffs have to pay the board, however, which is hard on some of the alleged lawyers, who disgrace the calling by resorting to this sort of practice.

One entire floor of the County building is given to a non-official organization devoted to the churning of graft from unhappy poor people, under the guise of reform. The county in the meantime has to pay rent in other parts of the town for necessary public offices.

The condition of the Chicago Fire Department is a disgrace to the city. In discipline, apparatus and morale it is the laughing stock of the country.

The talk of sending women delegates to the National political conventions suggests the annexation of the North Pole. It would be a fine place to send some of our fanatical female reformers and keep them there for keeps. Woman suffrage has succeeded in arousing some feeling among the people, and the dry season it has brought on is liable to make it more unpopular.

When one big steam scow a block long, and loaded with iron or stone can keep two of our principal bridges open for 24 hours it is time to inquire where all this stuff about Chicago being a modern city comes from.

In one way the defeat of the fifty ward plan was a blessing in disguise. It keeps a long suffering public from being disgraced for four long years by aldermanic jaywalkers, who can now be dropped in the garbage can at the end of two years.

The auto parking plan in force in Chicago is obsolete and tiresome. Every other city has the St. Louis method of parking cars, with their noses toward the street, and on wide thoroughfares two abreast in the middle of the street.

One year from date people will be thanking God that the presidential election is over.

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